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Dear Regional Administrator Servidio,

We are both retired public school teachers and life long residents of Chester County, PA. We have lived in the Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) in East Whiteland Township for over 35 years. Our neighborhood is bordered on the west side by a property formerly known as Bishop Tube.

The 13.7 acre Bishop Tube site is heavily contaminated with chlorinated solvents, acids and heavy metals. The state has been aware of these dangers for some time and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has been overseeing the situation for over 18 years. The DEP has been neglectful in securing clean-up of this site even though there are high levels of contamination and multiple legal tools to advance clean up. After 18 years, little or nothing has been accomplished.

In addition, there is a proposal for a significant residential development of the site. The proposed development, which includes over 90 new homes, only partially addresses contamination at the site. Saturated soils and groundwater would remain highly contaminated. It is appalling that anyone would consider this site as an appropriate and safe environment for homes and families.

Furthermore, contamination would continue to affect the surrounding environment and community, including ongoing discharges of contaminated groundwater to Little Valley Creek, an exceptionally valued stream. It is not yet known the full extent of this contamination. It is unknown what impact this development proposal would have on securing ultimate remediation of the toxic contamination at the site. A comprehensive clean up plan has not been developed. In fact, this residential development is being proposed in advance of knowing what remediation is needed and what could be the ongoing implications for communities and our environment.

East Whiteland Township officials and the community depend on the accurate information and expertise of agency officials and other public resources to understand the issues and make informed decisions. I am aware that your agency already has a large number of sites which you are overseeing, however, the EPA has technical expertise that could be helpful to the township. We are asking that EPA review the most recent development proposal and associated information and provide comments to the township Board of Supervisors and the community.

Thank you in advance for any assistance with this matter.

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